

Revised Plans - Overview

Key Message:

*The Revised Forest Plan presents **strategic direction** for managing the Chippewa National Forest for the next 10 to 15 years. It focuses on describing **Desired Conditions** of the land and on **outcomes** (what is left on the land) rather than outputs (what is taken from the land). The Revised Plan balances the ecological capacity of the forest's resources with societal needs and demands.*

The Plan:

- *Emphasizes cooperative management, whereby the Forest works cooperatively with other landowners and land managers.*

Vegetation

- ***Sets forest-wide objectives for vegetation that will result in wildlife habitat, timber products, and management for watershed, riparian and scenic values***
- *Ensures continued recovery for bald eagle, gray wolf, and Canada lynx which are species on the Federal endangered species list.*
- *Provides habitat to maintain viability of species.*
- *Shifts emphasis toward managing for the entire spectrum of wildlife habitats, while still providing quality hunting experiences.*

Timber

- *Uses timber management as a primary tool for reaching vegetative objectives.*
- *Increases acreages and sizes of vegetative treatments to better mimic natural disturbances.*

Watershed and Riparian

- *Proactively manages watersheds and riparian areas for their inherent values.*

Recreation and Scenic

- *Increases scenic quality in areas viewed from popular travel routes.*
- *Continues operation and maintenance of nearly all existing recreation facilities (non-motorized trails, developed and primitive campsites, picnic areas, swimming beaches, etc.)*
- *Increases the amount of Forest managed for Semi-primitive recreation.*
- *Provides for use of Recreation Motor Vehicles (ATV's Off-highway motorcycles, and Four Wheel Drives) on designated roads and trails.*

Monitoring and Adaptive Management

- *Establishes strategic-level monitoring direction to determine if the Plan is accomplishing desired conditions and objectives.*
- *Provides for Adaptive Management to readily change and update Plan if needed.*